

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants elect Group IV (claims 43 – 53 and 55). Applicants identify insulin as the species, and note that all elected claims read on this species.

The remaining, non-elected claims 1 – 42 and 54 have been canceled. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment, and thus, the Examiner is requested to enter the amendment.

This election is without traverse. Thus, applicants reserve the right to file one or more Divisionals on any of the now canceled, non-elected claims 1 – 42 and 54.

CONCLUSIONS

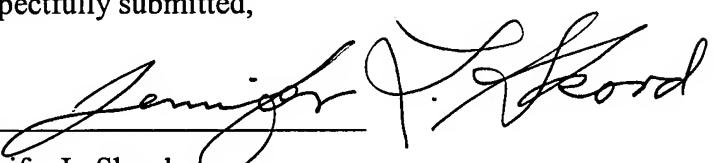
Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Early allowance is earnestly solicited.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Although it is believed that no fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies of payment associated with this communication, or to credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 13-4365.**

Respectfully submitted,

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